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FOLLOWING REPEAT ANKARA 8626 ACTION SECSTATE INFO
ATHENS NICOSIA ADANA ISTANBUL IZMIR ROME 4 NOVEMBER.

QUOTE

C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 8626

PASS TO SECRETARY'S PARTY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINT, TU

SUBJ: JUSTICE PARTY REJECTS ECEVIT'S PROPOSALS: EFFECT ON
SECRETARY'S VISIT

1. JUSTICE PARTY (JP) LEADER SULEYMAN DEMIREL MET WITH
PRIMIN ECEVIT NOVEMBER 3 AND INFORMED HIM OF JP DECISION
REJECTING ALL GOVERNMENT-FORMATION PROPOSALS PREVIOUSLY
OFFERED BY ECEVIT.

2. JP DECISION WAS TAKEN BY ITS ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD NOVEMBER
2 AFTER MUCH REPORTED INTERNAL WRANGLING BETWEEN THOSE WHO
FAVORED COOPERATION WITH RPP AND THE DEMIREL-LED GROUP WHICH
FAVORED REJECTION OF PROPOSALS.

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3. ECEVIT WILL MEET EVENING NOVEMBER 4 WITH REPUBLICAN PEOPLES PARTY (RPP) PARTY ASSEMBLY AND EXECUTIVE BOARD TO MAKE DECISION ABOUT FORMING A MINORITY GOVERNMENT. NO CLEAR PATTERN IS EMERGING TO PREDICT A SOLUTION TO GOVERNMENT CRISIS AS TURKS HAVE BEEN BUSY WITH A POLITICS-AS-USUAL APPROACH SINCE ECEVIT GOVERNMENT RESIGNED SEPTEMBER 18. UNWILLINGNESS OF JP TO GET TOGETHER WITH RPP MAY LEAD TO A DELAY OF ANOTHER FEW WEEKS BEFORE A GOVERNMENT IS FORMED.

5. HOWEVER, POLCOUNS IN CONTACT WITH TWO SENIOR OPPOSITION LEADERS WAS TOLD BY BOTH THAT ABSENCE OF PERMANENT GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT IMPAIR ECEVIT'S AUTHORITY TO REPRESENT INTERESTS OF TURKS IN CYPRUS DISCUSSIONS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. ECEVIT IS SCHEDULED HOLD A MEETING OF ALL POLITICAL PARTY LEADERS BEFORE SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL TO ENABLE HIM CONVEY TO SECRETARY THE OPINION OF ALL THE PARTIES ON CYPRUS ISSUE AND TURK-AMERICAN RELATIONS. MOREOVER, TURKISH NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL WILL MEET NOVEMBER 6 TO FINALIZE TURKISH PLANNING FOR KISSINGER TALKS. MACOMBER UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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